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UNDERGROUND AND DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT
SAID METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this new PCT-US national stage application filed under 35 U.S.C. §371, the following Amendments and Remarks are submitted. The following changes are made relative to the amended claims that are currently pending in the international stage. It is requested that the following amendments be entered, and that the Examiner pass this application to allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.